

Remarks

Claims 1-18 were pending.

Claims 1, 6, 8, and 9 are amended.

Claims 2-5, 7 and 10-17 are original.

Claim 18 is cancelled.

The application now contains claims 1-17.

Claim 1 is amended for clarity by replacing the term “polymer” at the beginning of step b) with the term from the preamble “oligomer, cooligomer, polymer or copolymer” and by deleting “n” from formula II. Applicants had used the term “n” as standard polymer notation shorthand to represent that an element is a repeating unit occurring more than once. Given the language of the claim in the line preceding the formula the variable is unnecessary and has been deleted.

Claim 6 is amended to delete the erroneous structure for formula Id and to replace it with the correct structure, support is found on page 7 of the specification.

Claim 8 is amended to delete the erroneous structure for formula Id' and to replace it with the correct structure, support is found on page 10 of the specification.

Claim 9 is amended to delete the unnecessary phrase “ and the other components are as defined in claim 1” from the end of the claim.

Claim 18 is cancelled.

No new matter is added.

Rejections

Claims 1-18 are rejected under 35 USC 112 because in claim 1 the value for n in formula II is not defined and because step b) recites isolating a “polymer” and not an “ oligomer, cooligomer, polymer or copolymer” as recited in the preamble.

Applicants respectfully submit that the rejections have been addressed by the instant amendments and are overcome and kindly ask that the rejections be withdrawn.

Claims 6 and 8 are rejected under 35 USC 112 for not defining the variables R9 and R10 in formula Id and Id'. Applicants respectfully submit that the rejections have been addressed and overcome by the instant amendments correcting the formulae and kindly ask that the rejections be withdrawn

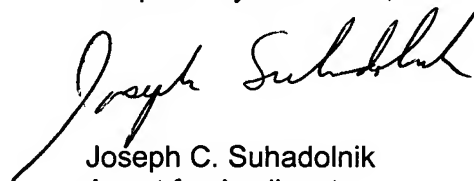
Claim 9 rejected under 35 USC 112 as it is not clear what is meant by "and the other components are as defined in claim 1". The phrase has been deleted. Applicants therefore kindly ask that the rejections be withdrawn.

Claim 18 is rejected under 35 USC 102(b) and/or 103(a) over US Pat. 6,107,425. In order to focus more clearly on certain aspects of the invention Applicants have cancelled claim 18.

Applicants respectfully submit that all rejections are addressed and are overcome and kindly ask that all rejections be withdrawn and that the claims 1-17 be found allowable.

In the event that minor amendments will further prosecution, Applicants request that the examiner contact the undersigned representative.

Respectfully submitted,



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